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SUBJECT: PERES LEAK TO DAYAN CAUSES POLITICAL STIR

SUMMARY: PRESS REPORT SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED BY
DEFENSE MINISTRY THAT DEFMIN PERES HAS SHOWN DAYAN
TOP-SECRET CABLE DEALING WITH INTERIM AGREEMENT
HAS STRENGTHENED CREDENCE OF WIDELY HELD ASSUMPTION
THAT TWO RAFI LEADERS ARE IN CLOSE CONSULTATIONS RE
APPROACH TO CRITICAL DECISION AHEAD AND HAS LED TO
SOME CRITICISM IN KNESSET. END SUMMARY.

1. ISRAEL PRESS HAS CRATED MINI-STORM IN
POLITICAL CIRCLES BY BREAKING STORY ABOUT LOSS AND
SUBSEQUENT RECOVERY OF TOP SECRET CABLE WHICH
DEFENSE MINISTER PERES SHOWED TO MOSHE DAYAN IN A
JERUSALEM HOTEL. ACCORDING TO YEDIOT AHARONOT JULY
10, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS CONFIRMED FACTS, AS
REPORTED BY MAARIV PREVIOUS DAY, REGARDING LOSS OF
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CABLE DEALING WITH NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN INTERIM
AGREEMENT, SENT LAST WEEK BY AMBASSADOR DINITZ
AND DISTRIBUTED ONLY TO RABIN, ALLON AND PERES.
DAYAN REPORTEDLY HAS CONFIRMED THAT HE READ THE CABLE,

AND RETURNED IT TO PERES; IT THEN FELL OUT OF BREIF-CASE OF SECURITY OFFICIAL ACCOMPANYING PERES, AND WAS RECOVERED BY ARAB EMPLOYEE OF HOTEL WHO RETURNED IT TO " AUTHORIZED ELEMENTS."

2. MAARIV STORY APPEARED AT SAME TIME AS DEBATE WAS IN PROGRESS AT KNESSET ON SUBJECT OF LEAKS OF STATE SECRETS AND CLASSIFIED MILITARY INFORMATION TO PRESS(FBIS 091213Z JUL 75), LEADING MOKED MK MEIR PA'IL TO CALL FROM KNESSET PODIUM FOR PERES' RESIGNATION, PA'IL SAID THA IN ANY OTHER DEMOCRATIC STATE, A MINISTERWOULDIMMEDIATELY TENDER HIS RESIGNATION IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. YEDIOTCITES CLARIFACTION BY " MEMBERS OF THE DEFENSE MINISTER'S GROUP" THAT PERES HAS SAID HE REGULARLY CONSULTS WITH DAYAN BUT THAT PRESENTTION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION WAS A ONE-TIME EVENT. PERES REPORTEDLY ALSO NOTED THAT HE HAD SHOWN THIS MATERIAL TO DAYAN IN PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING MEETING AT WHICH THEIR RAFI FACTION WOULD DECIDE UPON ITS POSITION RE INTERIM AGREEMENT. " AUTHORIZED SOURCES" CLAIMED THAT MRS. MEIR ALSO HAD SEEN THE CABLE,AS HAVE SOME OTHER MINISTERS ASIDE FROM NEGOTIATING TRIO, SEVERAL MINISES WHO HAVE NOT READ THESE CABLES REPORTEDLY HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT DISCRIMINATROY ASPECT OF THE SITUATION.

4. COMMENT. PERES WILL NOT RESIGN OVER THIS INCIDENT, NOR IS IT LIKELY T HURT HIM POLITICALLY. INCIDENT HOWEVER APPEARS TO CONFIMR WIDELY-HELD ASSUMPTION THAT PERES DOES NOT REACH DECISIONS ON MAJOR ISSUES WITHOUT CONSULTING FIRST WITH DAYAN WHO HAS BEEN HIS POLITICAL MENTOR FOR MANY YEARS. VELIOTES

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